

GOVERNOR BARBOUR'S SPEAKING POINTS ENERGY AWARENESS MONTH

60 Sec. Public Service Announcement

I'm Haley Barbour and I want to remind you that October is National Energy Awareness Month. I encourage you to make smart energy choices at home, at work and on the road -- this month and all year long.

We can each do our part to reduce our impact on the environment and promote the wise and efficient use of our state's energy resources.

At home, switch from incandescent light bulbs to compact fluorescent bulbs, which use about 75 percent less energy and can last seven to ten times longer. And don't forget to turn off lights in empty rooms.

Look for the Energy Star symbol when buying home appliances. Energy Star items are more efficient and can reduce home energy costs by 30 percent or more. Additionally, remember to unplug appliances that are used infrequently.

On the road, reduce idle time by avoiding the drive-thru. Speeding, rapid acceleration and rapid braking can lower gas mileage by 33 percent at highway speeds.

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